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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:)

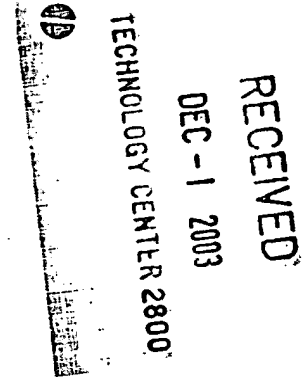
WATANABE et al)

) Examiner: Valencia, Daniel

Filed: June 21, 2001)

Serial No.: 09/868,766)

For: OPTICAL FIBER ATTENUATOR)
WITH ATTENUATING DOPANT)
LIMITED TO A CENTRAL OR)
PERIPHERAL AREA OF THE)
FIBER CORE)



PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 14501
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time period for filing a Notice of Appeal in response to the final action of July 25, 2003, initially set to expire October 25, 2003, be extended one month up to and including November 25, 2003. The requisite \$110.00 fee for the requested extension is herewith attached.

Any additional fees may be charged to Deposit Account No. 12-2174.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: November 20, 2003
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